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TO: High School Science Department Chairpersons  
FROM: Jim Woodland, Director for Science Education  
DATE: September 2010  
RE: 2011 Nebraska High School Science Bowl!!!!!!



The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Wayne State College (WSC) are pleased to announce the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Nebraska High School Science Bowl**, to be held **Saturday, February 5, 2011**, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus Student Union. The Science Bowl is a fun, fast-paced, tournament-style academic competition that challenges and recognizes students' knowledge of science and mathematics.

The opening ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by a round-robin competition from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon; a random drawing will place teams into four divisions for the round robin competition. The top four teams in each division will advance to the double elimination competition which will begin at 1:00 p.m. Medals will be awarded to the top 4 teams. The winning school will receive an **all expense-paid trip to the National Science Bowl® in Washington, DC, April 28-May 3, 2011**. The Department of Energy sponsors the national competition. The website for the National Science Bowl is: <http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/nsb/default.htm>.

A school may apply to enter a maximum of 2 teams in a Nebraska Science Bowl. The competition will be limited to 40 teams; applications to compete are approved on a first-received, first-accepted basis. An early applying school's 2nd team may be bumped from the competition, however, if that will allow a later-applying school's 1st team to compete. Multiple applications arriving the same day will be opened in the random order in which they arrive from the mail room. While e-mailed notifications of intent to apply are appreciated, only the completed, signed, and original Nebraska High Science Bowl application will reserve a team slot.

A typical team comprises six people: four contestants plus one alternate contestant from **Grades 9-12**, and a coach. There is a **\$45.00** application fee **per** team (\$90.00 for two teams). The application fee helps to defray the cost of meal vouchers and awards. If your application is not accepted, your application fee will be returned. There will otherwise be no refund.

The **application deadline** is **October 29, 2010**. An application form is enclosed. **No student names are needed to apply at this time**. In early November, you would be notified by **e-mail** whether your application(s) were accepted. **Once accepted**, coaches will be **required** to register their team(s) **online** before **January 3, 2011** following instructions that would be provided by e-mail; **do not** register your team(s) until you have been notified about the status of your application(s). Coaches of accepted teams will also be furnished additional competition information in the *High School Coach's Handbook* in the latter part of November.

**CAREFULLY NOTE:** Each student attending the Nebraska High School Science Bowl **MUST** have a school-furnished permission slip signed by the parent or legal guardian on record **at the school**. *Local, authorized school officials (Principal or Superintendent) must attend to this matter.* See application form for more detail.

The NRCS and WSC are proud to sponsor academic competition through the Nebraska High School Science Bowl and hopes you will submit an application to participate. If there are any questions about the Nebraska High School Science Bowl, please contact Todd Young at 402/375-7471 ([toyoun1@wsc.edu](mailto:toyoun1@wsc.edu)).

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**APPLICATION FOR 2011 NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL  
COMPLETE IN **BLUE** INK AND SUBMIT ORIGINAL, SIGNED COPY**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) (Area Code)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, the authorizing school official of the above named sponsoring school certifies that: (i) the sponsoring school will be in possession of a school-furnished permission slip to participate in the Nebraska High School Science Bowl, for each student involved, signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s); (ii) the sponsoring school assumes all responsibility for the participating students at the Nebraska High School Science Bowl; (iii) the sponsoring school will obtain written permission from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) for the Nebraska High School Science Bowl to photograph and solicit comments from participating students for distribution to media outlets; and (iv) the sponsoring school indemnifies and holds harmless the Nebraska High School Science Bowl, its volunteers and officials, against any and all claim(s) for damages related its students' participation in the Nebraska High School Science Bowl.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorizing High School Official Date

Printed Name and Title of Authorizing High School Official – must be a Principal or Superintendent

**Make checks payable to Nebraska Chapter, SWC Society**

Mail this form to the address below – with your \$45.00 Application Fee (2 teams = \$90.00)

**Todd Young**  
Nebraska High School Science Bowl  
Wayne State College  
305F Carhart Science Building  
Wayne, NE 68787

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: *OCTOBER 29, 2010***